



USDA — APHIS — Animal Care  
Florida A & M University

**Ag-DISCOVERY**

June 13 — July 1, 2005  
Tallahassee, FL

Florida A & M University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are joining forces to support this pilot outreach program to encourage teenagers from diverse populations to consider careers in animal science and veterinary medicine. The three-week summer enrichment boarding camp is scheduled to be held June 13 – July 1, 2005, at Florida A & M University's main campus in Tallahassee, Florida.

The program is designed to provide hands-on experience through wet labs, workshops, and field trips. It allows students to live on a college campus and learn science from university professors and practicing veterinarians working for the United States government. Students will also participate in character and team-building activities and diversity workshops.

Students between the ages of 14 and 16 who have displayed an interest in veterinary science are eligible to apply for admission to Ag-DISCOVERY. *(Must be at least 14 and no older than 16, as of May 31, 2005).*

Please copy the attached materials and distribute to interested students, as needed. A complete application package will include 1) *the Ag-DISCOVERY application*; 2) *a two-page essay entitled, "What I'd Like to Know About Veterinary Medicine and Why?"*; 3) *Three character references*, one of which must be from a teacher or counselor who is not related to you; 4) *Proof of age*; 5) *a signed Student Contract* and 6) *a signed Parental Release/Consent Form*.

NOTE: The application packet MUST BE postmarked by April 15, 2005.

Mail To:

USDA-APHIS-Animal Care  
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**PLEASE MAKE AND DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE APPLICATION  
PACKET TO INTERESTED STUDENTS.**